AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-142. (canceled)

Claim 143.   (currently amended) An editing system for editing a plurality of clips to produce an edit resultant clip, comprising:

editing means for edit processing said plurality of clips on the basis of clip management data defining the edit processing performed on each of said plurality of clips to produce said edit resultant clip; each of said plurality of clips and said edit resultant clip having a corresponding enable/disable flag;

managing means for managing said plurality of clips on the basis of link information indicating a tree structure for linking said plurality of clips to produce said edit resultant clip; and

control means for modifying the edit processing performed on one of said plurality of clips in producing said edit resultant clip, setting the enable/disable flags corresponding to each of said plurality of clips linked in said tree structure above the modified edit processing to disable, re-edit processing each of said plurality of clips having enable/disable flags set to disable, thereby re-producing said edit resultant clip to include the modified edit processing, and automatically updating said clip management data and link information for each of said plurality of clips in accordance with the modified edit processing; and re-setting the enable/disable flags corresponding to each of said plurality of clips linked in said tree structure above the modified edit processing to enable.

Claim 144.   (previously presented) The editing system according to claim 143, further comprising a clip database for storing the clip management data and link information.

Claim 145.   (canceled)

Claim 146.   (currently amended) A method of editing a plurality of clips to produce an edit resultant clip, comprising the steps of:

edit processing said plurality of clips on the basis of clip management data defining the edit processing performed on each of said plurality of clips to produce said edit resultant clip; each of said plurality of clips and said edit resultant clip having a corresponding enable/disable flag;

managing said plurality of clips on the basis of link information indicating a tree structure for linking said plurality of clips to produce said edit resultant clip;

modifying the edit processing performed on one of said plurality of clips in producing said edit resultant clip; and

setting the enable/disable flags corresponding to each of said plurality of clips linked in said tree structure above the modified edit processing to disable;

re-edit processing each of said plurality of clips having enable/disable flags set to disable, thereby re-producing said edit resultant clip to include the modified edit processing;

automatically updating said clip management data and link information for each of said plurality of clips in accordance with the modified edit processing; and

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re-setting the enable/disable flags corresponding to each of said plurality of clips

linked in said tree structure above the modified edit processing to enable.

Claim 147.   (previously presented) The method according to claim 146, wherein the

clip management data and link information are stored in a clip database.

Claim 148.   (canceled)

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